

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2015**  
**Council Chambers**  
**7:30 p.m. – 8:17 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich (arrived at 8:01 p.m.), Day, Hew and Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows opened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Hew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Hew to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 Special Session, the February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting, and the March 3, 2015 Special Session. Councilmember Dennis corrected the spelling of the name “Embry” on the February 24 minutes. With that correction, the minutes were approved 7 – 0 – 0.

**Announcements:** Councilmember Dennis announced that the Lakeland Civic Association would meet on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the College Park Community Center.

Councilmember Wojahn announced that the North College Park Citizens Association would meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Davis Hall.

Councilmember Kabir discussed Good Neighbor Day which will be held on Saturday, March 28.

**Acknowledgement of Newly-Appointed Board Members:** Mayor Fellow recognized Karyn Keating-Volke who was recently appointed to the Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, and thanked her for her service.

Mayor Fellows also acknowledged former Councilmember Mary Cook and Jim McFadden, of the Advisory Planning Commission, who are here to attend the Worksession later tonight.

**Amendments to the Agenda:** Items 15-G-31 and 15-G-32 were moved to the Consent Agenda. A new item was added to the agenda, 15-G-34: Authorize the Mayor and any Councilmember to sign a letter to Sen. Cardin in support of Innovation in Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (Smart Growth America). This item will also be on the Consent Agenda.

**City Manager's Report:** Mr. Nagro reported on a meeting he and Mr. Ryan attended about the north County animal shelter: the County is preparing an RFP for the consultant to conduct the feasibility study. Mr. Ryan will serve on the evaluation team.

He discussed a memo in the red folder about the opportunity to refinance the SunTrust Bank parking garage bond which would result in savings to the City. More on this at next week's Worksession.

**Student Liaison's Report:** Mr. Hollocker attended the press event for the new MARC Camden Line service to College Park. Spring Break is next week. He is hosting a "Meeting in the Box" exercise for the Strategic Plan in SGA offices on March 24.

**Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda items:**

**Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Director, UMD Office of Community Engagement:** She discussed the details of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Good Neighbor Day event to be held on Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

**James Mulholland, 24704 Leonardtown Apartments:** He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, a fraternity that provides service projects such as shoveling snow, raking leaves, and litter clean up. He is hoping to do more community outreach to advertise their availability across the City. They prefer to do their work on Sundays.

[Councilmember Stulich arrived.]

**David Gray, 7306 Radcliffe Drive:** Asked whether the City has ever calculated the benefit of the College Park Airport to the City. In the context of The Hotel at the University of Maryland development project, because of the Airport, The Hotel had to lower their height. There are only five people in the City that own planes there. There are 66 acres at the airport that aren't paying taxes. There are safety concerns: 18 incidents investigated by the NTSB at the airport over the last 35 years. More people use the Museum than the airport. Park and Planning spent \$4.5 M on the new operations center at the airport that maybe five people will use, but couldn't find money for a community center in north College Park. You could turn the airport into parkland and more people would use it.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:**

- 15-G-31     Approval of a letter to the management of the Camden apartments inviting them to a Worksession to discuss resident concerns**
- 15-G-32     Motion to override the appointment process required by Resolution 10-R-33 and reappoint Cole Hollocker as the Student Liaison for 2015-2016, and to authorize recruitment for a Deputy Student Liaison for 2015-2016**

**15-G-34 Authorize the Mayor and any Councilmember to sign a letter to Sen. Cardin in support of Innovation in Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (Smart Growth America).**

**The motion carried 8 – 0 – 0.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**15-G-33 Appointments to Boards and Committees**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Day to reappoint Melissa Day to the Education Advisory Committee, reappoint Dan Blasberg to the Citizens Corps Council, appoint Dave Dorsch to the Aging-In-Place Task Force, and to appoint the Board of Election Supervisors for the 2015-2017 term, as follows:**

<b>Mayoral appointment:</b>	<b>John Robson – Designated as the Chief</b>
<b>District 1</b>	<b>Terry Wertz</b>
<b>District 2</b>	<b>Mary Katherine Theis</b>
<b>District 3</b>	<b>Janet Evander</b>
<b>District 4</b>	<b>Maria Mackie</b>

**Compensation shall be as follows: In a year in which there is an election, all of the Board receives compensation. In a year in which there is no election, only the Chief Election Supervisor will be compensated. Compensation for the Chief of Supervisors is \$480/fiscal year and for the Election Supervisors is \$360/fiscal year.**

**15-O-02 Introduction of Ordinance 15-O-02, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, MD to Amend the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, MD**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to introduce Ordinance 15-O-02, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, MD to Amend the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, MD**

Mayor Fellows announced that the Public Hearing would be held on April 14, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Wojahn announced that there would be a forum on Monday April 6 to discuss issues regarding aging-in-place.

Councilmember Brennan said he wanted to remove from further discussion the topic of lowering the voting age in the City to age 16 and cancel the public forum that had been scheduled.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adjourn the regular meeting. Mayor Fellows announced that after a brief recess, the Council would reconvene in a Worksession to meet with the Advisory Planning Commission about their charge and mission. With a vote of 8 – 0 – 0, Mayor Fellows adjourned the regular meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC  
City Clerk

Date  
Approved